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of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Five vessels were inspected on arrival; 3 of these were foreign vessels and 2 coasting vessels. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 2 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *February 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended February 17, 1900: Five vessels arrived at this port and 5 bills of health were issued. There were 2 deaths. No baggage was disinfected. The American population is free from sickness, but there is a good deal of malaria among the natives.

Puerto Padre reports the arrival of 5 vessels and 6 bills of health issued; 3 deaths; sanitary condition of port good.

Gibara reports the arrival of 9 vessels and 6 bills of health issued; 4 deaths; sanitary condition of port good.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended February 24, 1900:

Ten vessels arrived at this port and 8 bills of health were issued; there were 2 deaths. The sanitary condition of the port is fair and rains and cool windy weather have prevailed during the week.

Puerto Padre reports the arrival of 4 vessels and 8 bills of health issued; 3 deaths, and sanitary condition good.

Gibara reports the arrival of 8 vessels and 5 bills of health issued; 2 deaths, and sanitary condition good.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, and Daiquiri.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *February 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended February 24, 1900:

Santiago.—There were 21 deaths in the civil population of the city for this period, a decrease of 6 from the preceding week. The following were the principal causes: Tuberculosis, 3; tetanus, 1; intestinal diseases, 3; malarial fever, 3; kidney disease, 2; heart disease, 2; other causes, 7; total, 21. Population, 43,000, mortality, 25.39.

No contagious diseases were reported. The remains of 92 soldiers, who died of various diseases, were forwarded, after disinfection, on the transport *McOlellan* to New York.

Manzanillo.—Act. Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports 9 deaths for the

week, the following being the principal causes: Malaria, 2; pneumonia, 2; other causes, 5. No contagious diseases reported.

Daiquiri.—Nothing of interest.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. PARKER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ENGLAND.

Report from Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at the port of Liverpool, England, during the week ended February 24, 1900:

The health of Liverpool remains good, no case of quarantinable disease being reported. Sixteen vessels cleared for United States ports during the week; of these, 3 were not inspected. One thousand one hundred and forty emigrants were inspected and passed; 153 packages, the effects of 166 Russian emigrants, were disinfected and labeled.

The situation in regard to freight from suspected districts remains unchanged.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels have been inspected at this port during the week ended February 24, 1900:

Wednesday, February 21, steamship *Saale*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 1 third and 14 first cabin passengers and 2 pieces of large luggage. Saturday, February 24, steamship *New York*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 264 steerage and 184 second cabin passengers and 110 large and 267 pieces of small luggage. For this ship I disinfected 9 pieces of luggage, made up, as usual, of bedding.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBODY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

No unusual death rate among rats and dogs.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *February 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated February 10, 1900, inclosing an extract from the newspapers relating to plague or other disease here among dogs and rats, and directing me to make inquiries on the subject with a view to ascertaining whether or not there is any special disease among such animals either here or in other parts of Great Britain. In reply, I have the honor to state that immediately on the receipt of your letter I addressed letters to the health, veterinary, and street departments of the principal